

**PHI ETA SIGMA
NEW NATIONAL PROGRAMMING GUIDE FOR ADVISORS**

ELEVATE FORWARD & THE XXIII LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Thank you for your partnership in supporting Phi Eta Sigma students. This guide provides an overview of our new national programming model, key dates, and answers to frequently asked questions as we prepare to introduce these exciting opportunities to members.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Activity
August 4	National announcement to students
September 8	Elevate Forward registration opens
September 8	The XXIII Leadership Institute applications open
November 1	Annual Business Meeting, Opening General Session, and announcement of the inaugural Phi Eta Sigma Leadership Fellows
November 1-5	Elevate Forward
January 15-18	The XXIII Leadership Institute

ELEVATE FORWARD

What is Elevate Forward?

Elevate Forward is Phi Eta Sigma's new signature national experience. This weeklong virtual event replaces the traditional in-person national convention and provides every member with an opportunity to participate in high-quality national programming regardless of financial resources or geographic location.

Built around Phi Eta Sigma's commitment to developing mind, health, and character, Elevate Forward features:

- National keynote speakers
- Leadership development
- Career preparation
- Graduate school exploration
- Service opportunities
- Networking with students from across the country
- Recognition of outstanding members and chapters
- Interactive learning experiences
- National celebrations

Cost

There is **no cost** for students or chapters to participate.

Annual Business Meeting

The Annual National Business Meeting will be held on **November 1**, the opening day of Elevate Forward.

Prior to the meeting, chapter delegates will receive proposed constitutional and bylaw amendments, participate in discussions, and prepare for the Society's governance process.

During the business meeting, delegates will:

- Hear reports from the National Committees
 - Constitution and Bylaws
 - Nominations
- Vote on proposed measures from the National Committees
- Participate in shaping the future of Phi Eta Sigma

Additional delegate information and voting procedures will be distributed before registration opens.

Registration

Registration for Elevate Forward opens on **September 8**.

THE XXIII LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

What is The XXIII Leadership Institute?

Named in honor of Phi Eta Sigma's founding in **1923**, The XXIII Leadership Institute is the Society's premier leadership development opportunity.

Each year, only **twenty-three students** will be selected as **Phi Eta Sigma Leadership Fellows** through a competitive national application process.

The Leadership Institute is designed for students who demonstrate exceptional leadership potential and are seeking an immersive experience focused on leadership, purpose, and life beyond college.

Leadership Fellows will participate in:

- Personalized leadership coaching
- Small-group learning experiences
- Inspirational speakers and guided reflection
- Career and professional development
- Collaborative leadership activities
- Lasting relationships with fellow student leaders

Cost

There is **no cost** to students or chapters. Selected Leadership Fellows participate through scholarship support provided by the Phi Eta Sigma National Headquarters.

Applications

Applications open **September 8**.

The inaugural class of Phi Eta Sigma Leadership Fellows will be announced during the ***Opening General Session of Elevate Forward on November 1***.

The Leadership Institute will take place ***January 15-18***.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is Phi Eta Sigma making this change?

Phi Eta Sigma is evolving its national programming model to provide more meaningful opportunities for students while removing financial barriers to participation.

These new initiatives allow significantly more members to engage in national programming throughout the academic year while continuing to advance our mission of recognizing academic excellence and encouraging the development of mind, health, and character.

Why isn't there an in-person convention?

Instead of hosting a traditional in-person convention, Phi Eta Sigma is investing in two new national experiences that expand access, increase participation, and eliminate costs for students and chapters.

Who can participate in Elevate Forward?

Elevate Forward programming is open to all chapter members (must be enrolled in undergraduate or graduate coursework) and advisors. Every active Phi Eta Sigma member is encouraged to participate in as much of the week's programming as their schedules and interest allow.

Each chapter will designate one voting delegate to participate in the Annual Business Meeting.

Registration opens on **September 8**.

Who can apply for The XXIII Leadership Institute?

All undergraduate members of Phi Eta Sigma are eligible to apply for The XXIII Leadership Institute. Applications open on **September 8**.

How many students will be selected?

Twenty-three students will be selected annually to serve as Phi Eta Sigma Leadership Fellows.

How are Leadership Fellows selected?

Leadership Fellows will be chosen by a review committee comprised of staff, members of the Board of Directors, and alumni through a national application process that considers academic achievement, leadership potential, engagement, and the applicant's ability to contribute to and benefit from the experience.

How can advisors support these initiatives?

Advisors can help by:

- Encouraging members to register for Elevate Forward.
 - Identifying outstanding students who should apply for The XXIII Leadership Institute.
 - Helping chapter delegates prepare for the Annual Business Meeting.
 - Sharing promotional materials with members.
 - Consider volunteering to participate as a facilitator or panelist for Elevate Forward Sessions
 - Contacting the National Office with any questions.
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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

August 4

Phi Eta Sigma officially announces Elevate Forward and The XXIII Leadership Institute to members nationwide.

September 8

- Elevate Forward registration opens.
- Applications open for the inaugural class of The XXIII Leadership Institute.

November 1-5

Elevate Forward - Phi Eta Sigma's new signature national experience.

November 1: Inspire

- Annual Business Meeting
- Opening General Session with Keynote
- Announcement of the inaugural class of Phi Eta Sigma Leadership Fellows for The XXIII Leadership Institute

November 2: Explore

- Career Conversations – Small group discussions with alumni based on career interests
- Recurring Events
 - Virtual Coffee Hours – Networking opportunities for students to connect with one another
 - Daily Leadership Labs focused on Chapter Operations
 - Ask-Me-Anything – Open Q&A sessions with alumni, advisors, staff, and national leaders.

November 3: Prepare

- Professional Development Workshops
- Founders Fund Scholarship Information Session
- Recurring Events
 - Virtual Coffee Hours – Networking opportunities for students to connect with one another

- Daily Leadership Labs focused on Chapter Operations
- Ask-Me-Anything – Open Q&A sessions with alumni, advisors, staff, and national leaders.

November 4: Discover

- Graduate School Interest Sessions
- Faculty and Alumni Research Panels
- Keynote Session: The Role of AI in Leadership
- Recurring Events
 - Virtual Coffee Hours – Networking opportunities for students to connect with one another
 - Daily Leadership Labs focused on Chapter Operations
 - Ask-Me-Anything – Open Q&A sessions with alumni, advisors, staff, and national leaders.

November 5: Serve

- National Day of Service – Chapters are encouraged to host local service projects
- Service Spotlights – Members and chapters are recognized for their service experiences on social media
- Volunteer-A-Thon Launch

January 15-18

The XXIII Leadership Institute

Twenty-three Leadership Fellows participate in Phi Eta Sigma's premier leadership development experience.

OUR VISION

Recognition is only the beginning of the Phi Eta Sigma experience.

Through Elevate Forward and The XXIII Leadership Institute, Phi Eta Sigma is creating meaningful opportunities for every member to continue growing as a scholar, leader, and citizen. Together, these initiatives reflect our commitment to making membership more accessible, more engaging, and more impactful than ever before.

For questions, please contact the Phi Eta Sigma National Office. We look forward to partnering with you as we launch these exciting new opportunities for our members.